

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 72 and 77 are currently amended.

1-41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented) A method for providing wireless monitoring, the method comprising:

receiving a control signal specifying a value on a line from a monitoring device according to a physical layer signaling protocol to initiate communication with a computing device;
setting status of the line in response to the control signal;
changing the status of the line to establish communication with the computing device upon receiving acknowledgement from the computing device;
receiving data from a monitoring device according to the physical layer signaling protocol;
and
transmitting the data to the computing device according to the physical layer signaling protocol over a wireless point-to-point link using a cellular protocol.

43. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

44. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the monitoring device and the computing device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

45. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the wireless link is transparent to an application that resides on the computing device and utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol.

46. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 42, wherein the monitoring device in the receiving step includes at least one of a flow measurement device, a temperature measurement device, and a pressure measurement device.

47. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for providing wireless monitoring, comprising:
a first interface configured to receive a control signal specifying a value on a line from a monitoring device according to a physical layer signaling protocol to initiate communication with a computing device, wherein status of the line is set in response to the control signal, the status being changed to establish communication with the computing device upon receiving acknowledgement from the computing device; and
a second interface configured to transmit data from the monitoring device to a computing device according to the physical layer signaling protocol over a wireless point-to-point link using a cellular protocol, wherein the wireless link is transparent to an application that resides on the computing device and utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol.

48. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

49. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the monitoring device and the computing device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

50. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 49, the wireless link is transparent to an application that resides on the computing device and utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol.

51. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the monitoring device includes at least one of a flow measurement device, a temperature measurement device, and a pressure measurement device.

52. (Previously Presented) A method for providing wireless monitoring, the method comprising:

receiving a packet from a monitoring device to initiate communication with a computing device, the packet indicating a status of a first line;
changing the status of the first line;
receiving acknowledgement to establish the communication upon the computing device setting a second line;
receiving data from the monitoring device according to a physical layer signaling protocol over a wireless point-to-point link using a cellular protocol; and
transmitting the data to a computing device according to the physical layer signaling protocol.

53. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 52, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

54. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 52, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the monitoring device and the computing device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

55. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 54, wherein the wireless link is transparent to an application that resides on the computing device and utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol.

56. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 52, wherein the monitoring device in the receiving step includes at least one of a flow measurement device, a temperature measurement device, and a pressure measurement device.

57. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for providing wireless monitoring, comprising:
a first interface configured to receive a control signal from a monitoring device to initiate communication with a computing device according to a physical layer signaling protocol over a wireless point-to-point link using a cellular protocol, the control signal indicating a status of a first line;
logic configured to change the status of the first line; and
a second interface configured to receive an acknowledgement to establish the communication with the computing device upon the computing device setting a second line.

58. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

59. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the monitoring device and the computing device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

60. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 59, wherein the wireless link is transparent to an application that resides on the computing device and utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol.

61. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the monitoring device includes at least one of a flow measurement device, a temperature measurement device, and a pressure measurement device.

62. (Previously Presented) A method for providing wireless monitoring, the method comprising:

generating data by an application based upon measurements, the application complying with a physical layer signaling protocol; and

transmitting the data according to the physical layer signaling protocol to a modem, wherein the cellular modem transmits the data to a computing device according to the physical layer signaling protocol over a wireless point-to-point link using a cellular protocol, wherein the wireless link is transparent to the application and to a receiving application that resides on the computing device and utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol.

63. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 62, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

64. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 62, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the computing device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

65. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 64, further comprising:
sending a control signal specifying a value on a line to the modem to initiate communication with the computing device, wherein the modem sets status of the line to a first state and changes the status of the line to a second state upon receiving acknowledgement from the computing device.

66. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 62, wherein the measurements in the generating step include at least one of flow measurements, temperature measurements, and pressure measurements.

67. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for providing wireless monitoring, comprising:
memory storing an application for generating data based upon measurements, the application complying with a physical layer signaling protocol; and
an interface configured to transmit the data according to the physical layer signaling protocol to a modem, wherein the cellular modem transmits the data to a computing device according to the physical layer signaling protocol over a wireless point-to-point link using a cellular protocol, wherein the wireless link is transparent to the application and to a

receiving application that resides on the computing device and utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol.

68. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

69. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the computing device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

70. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 69, wherein the interface sends a control signal specifying a value on a line to the modem to initiate communication with the computing device, wherein the modem sets status of the line to a first state and changes the status of the line to a second state upon receiving acknowledgement from the computing device.

71. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein the measurements include at least one of flow measurements, temperature measurements, and pressure measurements.

72. (Currently Amended) A method for providing wireless monitoring, the method comprising:

receiving data generated according to a physical layer signaling protocol from a remote monitoring device via a local modem over a wireless point-to-point link using a cellular protocol, wherein the monitoring device utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol; and

processing the data according to an application utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol, wherein the wireless link is transparent to the application.

73. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 72, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

74. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 72, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the monitoring device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

75. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 74, further comprising:
receiving a packet from the monitoring device to initiate communication with the computing device, the packet indicating a status of a first line; and
setting a second line to acknowledge establishment of the communication with the monitoring device.

76. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 72, wherein the monitoring device in the receiving step includes at least one of a flow measurement device, a temperature measurement device, and a pressure measurement device.

77. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing wireless monitoring, comprising:
an interface configured to receive data generated according to a physical layer signaling protocol from a remote monitoring device via a local modem over a wireless point-to-

point link using a cellular protocol, wherein the monitoring device utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol; and

logic configured to process the data according to an application utilizes the physical layer signaling protocol, wherein the wireless link is transparent to the application.

78. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 77, wherein the cellular protocol includes a Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD) protocol.

79. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 77, wherein the physical layer signaling protocol includes RS-232, the monitoring device being configured as Data Terminal Equipment (DTE).

80. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 79, wherein the interface receives a packet from the monitoring device to initiate communication with the computing device, the packet indicating a status of a first line, and a second line is set to acknowledge establishment of the communication with the monitoring device.

81. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 77, wherein the monitoring device includes at least one of a flow measurement device, a temperature measurement device, and a pressure measurement device.